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## LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO THE FEDERAL COURT

Boise, Idaho—

Chief District Judge B. Lynn Winmill announced recently that R. Bruce Owens was appointed to a three year term as a lawyer representative for the United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho.

R. Bruce Owens is a partner in the firm of Owens, James and Vernon in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mr. Owens practice is focused on litigation involving medical negligence, premises liability, automobile negligence, insurance law and contracts/commercial litigation.

Mr. Owens received a Juris Doctor from Arizona State University in 1972 and has served on the Idaho Supreme Court Evidentiary Rules Advisory Committee and served as a state delegate to the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. Owens is the Past President of the Idaho Law Foundation and the Idaho Lawyers Association.

Lawyer Representatives assist the Federal Court in meeting its mission to provide an impartial and accessible forum for the just, timely and economical resolution of legal proceedings in order to protect individual rights and liberties, and promote public trust and confidence.

Typical duties of the lawyer representative position include: serving as the representative of the bar to advance opinions and suggestions for improvement, assisting the Court in the implementation of new programs or procedures, serving on court committees, and developing curriculum for training programs.

Mr. Owens is married to Judith Diane Owens and they have six children.